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SUBJ: RELIEF FROM EMERGENCY TAX FOR U. S. COTTON BROKERS

REF: (A) STATE' S 34118, (B) STATE' S 33281, (C) STATE' S 27232, (D) MANAGUA' S 1371

- 1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S VIEWS (REFTEL D) BUT NOTWITHSTANDING CALMING ATTITUDE OF LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES OF BROKERS INVOLVED, U. S. FIRMS REMAIN VERY CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE LOSSES FACED DUE TO EMERGENCY TAX PROVISION, PARTICULARLY SINCE THEIR MANAGUA AGENTS CLAIM GON EXPECTED ACT SHORTLY TO IMPLEMENT DECREE. DEPARTMENT SHARES THEIR CONCERN.
- 2. WE AGREE THAT TO THE EXTENT REAL REPEAT REAL POSSIBILITY OF LEGAL REDRESS EXISTS FOR SOME BROKERS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THROUGH COURT ACTION TO ENFORCE CONTRACT PROVISION TO PASS TAX BACK TO GROWERS, THAT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FIRST STEP.

3. WITH RESPECT TO BROKERS (REFTEL A AND B) WHO NOT IN POSITION TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THIS REMEDY, HOWEVER,

TAX AS PRESENTLY CALCULATED (I. E., AS PERCENT OF GROSS VALUE OF PRODUCT) IS OBVIOUSLY INEQUITABLE AND UNDOUBTEDLY RESULT OF OVERSIGHT DUE TO EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH LAW WAS DRAFTED. WITH RESPECT TO THIS GROUP, DEPARTMENT FEELS THEIR POSITION IS JUSTIFIED AND APPLICATION OF TAX LAW AS DRAFTED WOULD BE ARBITRARY AND UNJUST.

4. AMBASSADOR IS REQUESTED TO DISCUSS CONTENTS OF THIS MESSAGE WITH APPROPRIATE GON OFFICIALS, TO SEEK RELIEF FOR BROKERS NOTED IN PARA 3, AND TO MAKE CLEAR TO GON GREAT IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO FAIR TRIAL FOR THOSE BROKERS' WITH CONTRACT CLAIMS. ROGERS

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